

REMARKS

Claim 46 is canceled.

Applicants request withdrawal of the finality of this rejection. New grounds for rejection have been entered which were not the result of applicants' amendment to the claims, in particular, the rejections under 35 USC 112.

Claims 41 and 49 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112.

Claims 44 and 46 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 over Beaman. Beaman does not teach coatings. Applicants request the Examiner to produce a reference that teach two coatings. A person of skill in the art would not know to coat the elongated conductor as claimed by applicant.

Claims 16 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Zifcak. Zifcak Fig. 5 and 5A show that both ends of conductor 22 shift (indicated by 5 in Fig. 5A) when interposer 22 is squeezed between circuit boards 14 and 16 by Pressure P. Applicants' claims 16 and 22 have one end rigidly fixed to contact locations on a surface and are, thus, not anticipated by Zifcak. Withdrawal of this rejection is thus respectfully requested.

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All claims have been amended to recite elongated conductors that have enlarged ends that fixedly hold a layer of polymer material therebetween with the layer of polymer material spaced apart from the surface of the substrate 11 of Fig. 1. Beaman provides no such teaching. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

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